"The South 40" by JAMES A. SMITH EXTENSION AGENT

There are times when some meetings stand head high above others. We've been involved with several of these in recent days.

The Corn Technology Meeting pointed out ever so clear that the cost of corn seed is immaterial when the price ranges from $25 to $50 per unit. At the extremes the cost per acre, planted at the rate of 22,000 seed per acre, is from $4.74 to $18.33. This difference is only $13, or about 7 bushels of corn.

We've received the 1977 corn research data and even in dry years there are much greater differences in corn hybrids than 7 bushels. Let me put it another way -- select only the very highest yielding varieties that stand well.

The Milking School held last week was attended by one-third of the county's dairymen. Those who didn't make it missed an excellent session.

The unseen losses from sub-clinical mastitis are staggering. A high percentage can be avoided, but it will take one thing and that's management.

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If you haven't done it, there's still time to service small equipment before storage.

Clean, inspect for needed repairs, sharpen blades and lubricate. Drain oil from engine while warm and replace with new oil. Drain fuel tank, crank engine to use gasoline remaining in fuel lines and carburator. Remove spark plug and pour two tablespoons of motor oil in spark plug hole. Crank engine over manually several times; then replace spark plug. Clean or replace air cleaner and store equipment in dry place.

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Have you ever noticed leaks in a new aluminum roof? Roofing nails sometimes miss the purlins. This is more likely to happen with 3 and 4 foot wideth roofing sheets. It can be avoided by using a chalkline.

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If you haven't been down to the Red House Bull Evaluation Center this fall you need to take a look. Here are some bulls you need to look at in the Seniors - Angus, 38, 45 and 50. The latter for the first 84 days gained 4.05 pounds a day. In the polled Herefords - 204, 205, 226, 229 and 244. Number 205 has a weight per day of age of 3.15 lbs.

In the Juniors - Angus 58, 70, 74, 81 and 83 and in the polled Herefords look at 252.

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Two new flue-cured tobacco varieties, Coker 48 and NC 89, will be available for planting in 1978. Both varieties have good field type, but Coker 48 has higher disease ratings than NC 89. Neither variety is resistant to root knot nematodes or tobacco mosaic virus. In 1977, NC 89 produced more pounds of cured leaf with a higher average price than Coker 48 under Virginia conditions. We advise only trying a small amount of either of these new varieties. Make your own evaluation under your conditions and management.

VOLUNTEER RESCUE SQUADSMEN, Pinkey Baldwin and Ted Farmer, are splinting a "broken leg" of student - victim Rickie Miller. This demonstration was part of the first-aid procedures shown to Mrs. Nancy Farmer's 6th grade class at Appomattox Elementary School last week. The presentation was a follow-up for a field trip the students took to the Prince Edward County Volunteer Rescue Squad building in Farmville.

HAPPINESS

By Frank H. Sweet
Extension Agent

Congratulations to all the 4-H'ers who were recognized at last week's 4-H Awards Banquet. Over two hundred 4-H'ers and family members attended the covered dish banquet and awards presentation at the Appomattox Elementary School Cafeteria. Tamara Nash, Tony Bailey and Terri Nash provided special entertainment following the supper meal.

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Appomattox 4-H'ers will be hosting a group of 4-H'ers from Adams County, Nebraska during the summer of 1978. Teen 4-H members and their families will be serving as hosts for the group from Nebraska. Appomattox has been involved with exchange programs in past years with Hardeman County, Tennessee; Elk County, Pennsylvania; Frederick, Maryland; and most recently with Brown County, South Dakota.

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The Appomattox Community Senior 4-H Club and the Lucky Clover 4-H Club are sponsoring special Christmas programs for first and second graders at Appomattox Primary School the Pamplin Elementary School respectively. These programs provide opportunities for community clubs to "extend" themselves to others in their communities. The Spout Spring Progressive Extension Homemakers and the County Line Extension Homemakers have helped provide special gifts for the Christmas programs.

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4-H Public Speaking will be coming up shortly and 4-H'ers should begin thinking of speech topics for this year. Last year, over 300 4-H'ers took part in Public Speaking in Appomattox, culminating with an area winner, District winner and a third place State winner. We're real proud of our 4-H Public Speaking program which has been sponsored by Farmers National Bank since 1972.

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A Merry Christmas wish is extended to all Appomattox 4-H families and supporters. May the holiday season bring much happiness to you.

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4-H'er of the Week: Ernie Chenault who presided at the 1977 Awards Banquet.

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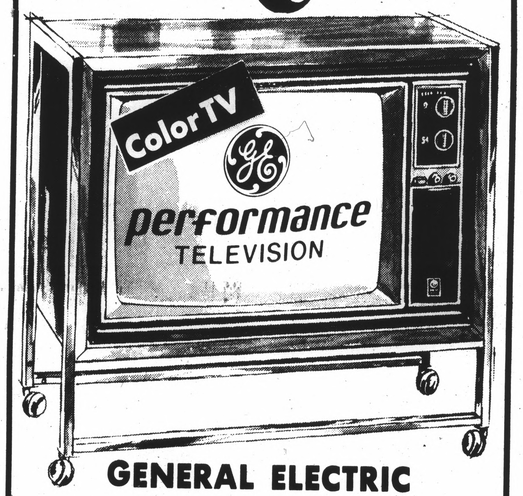

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GOOD NEWS HOMEMAKERS

By Shirley W. Walton
Extension Agent

Preparing for the Big Feast

Cooking Giblets and Neck Pieces

Separate the neck from the back and break into pieces. Cut liver and gizzard in half. Cook gently in salted water to cover. Necks and gizzards take at least 1½ hours, livers, ½ to 1 hour.

To make gravy, remove meat from neck and add to broth. Chop liver and gizzard fine. Add seasonings, and a small amount of flour to thicken, if desired.

Roast Turkey

Start preparing the stuffing a day or so ahead of time if you like, but refrigerate dry ingredients and broth separately until time to use the dressing. Do not stuff the turkey until time to roast it.

For each generous serving of roasted whole turkey, allow ¾ to 1 pound of ready-to-cook weight for birds weighing less than 12 pounds; ½ to ¾ pound for birds weighing 12 pounds and over. Clean bird thoroughly. Salt inside of bird. Fill the neck cavity loosely with dressing. Fold the neck skin to back, fastening to backbone with a poultry pin. Fold wingtip over neck skin. Spoon the dressing into body cavity, shaking the bird to settle dressing. Do not pack it. Place skewers across opening and lace shut with cord. Tie drumsticks securely to tail. Brush skin with soft fat.

Cover the turkey with a tent of aluminum foil or a piece of thin cloth moistened with fat. Baste the turkey with fat, drippings or melted fat several times during the roasting. When the roasting is about half-done, cut the string or skin to reasiease the legs; the bird cooks better and looks better.

Turkey is done with the leg joints move easily and the fleash on the legs is soft and pliable when pressed with the fingers. When a meat thermomemeter is used, it should register 185© placed in the center of the inside thigh muscle or in the center of the thickest meaty party.

Use the chart to determine how long to roast turkey. It gives the approximate time required to cook chilled turkeys of various weights. Stuffed turkeys require approximately 5 minutes per pound more time.

Roasting chart for Whole Turkeys

Ap. Wght [pounds]	Ov. Tem. Degrees	Ap. Cook. Time Hrs.
4 to 8	325	3 to 4
8 to 12	325	4 to 4½
4 to 4½		
12 to 16	325	4½ to 5
16 to 20	325	5½ to 7
20 to 24	325	7 to 8½

On behalf of the Appomattox County Extension Staff I wish each of you a joyous Christmas season. As you and your family enjoy the holiday season, may it be a happy and prosperous one.

It has been a genuine pleasure to work with you during 1977. Many thanks for reading "Good News."

Also I wish to express deep appreciation to the fine staff of the Times-Virginian for making this column possible. Merry Christmas everyone!

RECIPE OF THE WEEK
Cornbread Dressing

6 cups crumbled cornbread
4 cups loaf bread or biscuits, crumbled
1 cup chopped clery
¾ cup finely chopped onion
½ cup butter or margarine or chicken stock
1 tablespoon salt
1/8 teaspoon pepper
¼ teaspoon marjoram or sage (optional)
1 cup water
4 eggs, beaten
2 cups broth or milk

Prepare bread for dressing. Cook celery and onions in 1 cup water on low heat until tender. Add to the crumbs and seasonings. Stir in beaten eggs and enough broth or milk to make a moist dressing. Pour into greased pan and bake at 400 degrees for about 30 minutes, or until browned. Or, stuff the crop and body cavity of a bird weighing about 4 to 8 pounds. The dressing will swell during roasting, so pack it loosely.
Yield: 6 to 8 servings.

text, the instructor, Dr. William Reynolds, will cover such topics, as Personal Financial Records, Life Insurance Property and Liability Insurance, Personal Budgeting, and many other topics concerned with ways in which our money is spent.

There are no prerequisites for this course and it may be taken either as a three credit elective or as **Audit**, which carries no academic credit. For further information contact Central Virginia Community College; the Office of Continuing Adult Education and Community Services or the Division of Business Technologies.

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